ISTHMIAN CANAL FINDS FAVOR IN NEW CONGRESS.

Hepburn, Who Will Be Chairman of Committee Which Will Deal with the Project, Introduces Another Bill.

Other Members Declare Strongly for the Measure, Urging Uselessness of Delay for Report from Walker.

Fight of the Transcontinental Road Lobby Has Been Begun-They Object to "Any Percipitate Action."

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The fight be-ween the transcontinental roads and the oponents of the Nicaraguan Canal began day with the introduction of a bill by presentative Hepburn providing for the astruction of the canal. Mr. Hepburn s chairman of the House Committee on terstate and Foreign Commerce in the t Congress and will hold the same post-

his bill will be referred to his commit-, and he desires immediate legislation, sees no necessity for postponement of Islative action until the Isthmian Canal mmission's report is prepared, a year

The anti-canal lobbles are already here. ring, not that there shall be no canal, that no precipitate action be taken the the Walker Commission is obtaining ta on the subject. That is the mere artess of the lobbyists.

will be recalled that last Winter Sen-Morgan and Representative Hepburn n introduced a bill providing for the struction of the canal. Mr. Morgan faed the utilization of the Maritime al Company's franchise and the working the project by the Government. Mr. burn suggested the construction and ership of the canal by this country and acquisition of sovereignty along the

His Bill Slightly Modified. is bill introduced to-day is a slight lification of last year's, in that it proversed by the prospective canal and uninates the proposition to ignty as calculated to cause complicat-

the opposition last Winter to final action s sufficient to prevent the desired legis on, and a law providing for the appoint-

a exhaustiveness of the former investiou, why several more years should be
ted before the taking of national action.
I can see no reason for further postmement." said Representative Hepburnday. This waterway is of the utmost
portance from the commercial and the
retegic standpoints. Its speedy conruction is a national duty. In my judgent this waterway could be utilized as
economical and vast subsidizing
heme, and I believe that that will be
chief value. One Important Consideration.

Assuming that three round trips I as he may desire. through the canal in a year for a 6,000vessel would be \$48,000, and the Juan River and relation shipowner could send his ship shall be used. back and forth free the item would be an important consideration. It would more than compensate for the reduced cargoes the vessels would have to take to carry sufficient coal.

"I do not believe that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty will be seriously urged by Great Britain as an objection to the United States building, controlling and fortifying the canal.

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"Great Eritain practically abrogated the clayton-Bulwer treaty when she got control of the shoes -oute via the Suez Canal. I shall do my best to get speedy and favorable action on the canal project."

Representative James Sherman, of New York, who was the second member of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the last Congress, and who will retain that position in the present Cangress, said to-day:

"I can see no reason for awaiting a report from the Isthmian Canal Commission before taking definite action in this Congress of the canal project."

The sentiments given below from prospective members of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce indicate that this committee is disposed at present to make short work of the proposed canal legislation.





Just a Dash at Speaker Henderson-By Davenport. The Journal cortoonist's "lightning" sketch of the successor of Reed while in deep thought.

********************* TEXT OF THE NICARAGUA CANAL BILL

BILL to provide for the construction of a canal connecting the waters of the

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that the President of the United States, be, and is hereby authorized to acquire from the states of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, full jurisdiction for, and in behalf of the United States, of such portion of territory now belonging to Costa Rica and Nicaragua as may be such depth and capacity as will be sufficient for the movement of ships of the greatest tonnage and draft now in use, from a point near Greytown, on the Caribmay be necessary to make such purchase is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Section 2-When the President has secured full and complete jurisdiction over the territory in Section 1 referred to, he shall direct the Secretary of War to excavate and construct a canal and waterway from a point on the shore of the Carlibean Ses, near Greytown, by way of Lake Nicaragua, to a point near Brito, on the Pacific Ocean. Such canal shall be of sufficient capacity and depth as that it may be used by vessels of the largest tounage and greatest depth now in use, and shall be supplied with all necessary locks and other appliances to meet the necessities of vessels passing from Greytown to Brito; and the Secretary of War shall also construct such safe and commodious harbors at

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Section 3—That in making surveys for said canal and harbors, the Secretary of War shall detail such number of engineer officers of the army as may be necessary, and may require of them the performance of such professional duties

Section 4-That in the excavation and construction of said canal, the San Juan River and Lake Nicaragua, or such parts of each as may be made available,

Section 5-That in any negotiation with the States of Costa Rica or Nicaragua the President may have, the President is authorized to guarantee to said States the use of said canal and horbors, upon such terms as may be agreed upon, for all vessels owned by said States or by citizens thereof.

Section 6-That the sum of one hundred and forty million dollars, or so much as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the completion of the work herein authorized, said money to be drawn from the Treasury from time to time as the same shall be needed, upon warrants of the President, based on estimates made and verified by the chief engineer in charge of the work, and approved by the Secretary of War.

Your "Want" Advts, to the Journal. Ask Central for 4901 Cortlandt (until 10 p. m.). Brooklyn call, Number. Out next Sunday.

MOSS' QUIZZING.

Counsel for the Investigating Committee Wanted the Senator to Answer a Few Im- By That Time Two New Quay portant Questions.

The Chairman Could Only Prevent Subpæna Being Served by Adjourning the Probers Despite Plans to Go On.

Moss Emphatically Denies There Was an Understanding to End the Work-He Hints at a "Great Story" Be-

Frank Moss wanted Platt to submit to an examination. He believed that this was

ne secret session to consent to a request used to consider the matter. He ignored foss and friction grew between the men. tion to subpoena Platt it would be sus-tained by Committeeman Fallows, and per-

It was understood that when the committee adjourned the day before Thanksgiving the other four, Senators are asking who

was about. It was said that it was in reference to the calling of Platt.

Moss admitted yesterday that there is a "good story" behind the hasty adjournment of the committee. But he wouldn't tell what it was. He denied that there was any understanding that the committee work should end with the last session. This is borne out by the employes of the committee work who say that they had received no notice that the work was at an end. They understood that the committee would meet again on Wednesday and hold sessions intermittently until the last day of the year. It was well understood," said Moss, "that the committee would meet again this week for the transaction of important tursiness. No goodbys were said and everything was left in a disconnected shape. I shall prepare a report of the work, but of course I don't know whether my report will be embodied in the committee's report to the Legislature."

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ously sold to him. Every other berth in the train had been sold and Braun was obliged to sit in the smoking compartment during a trip from Cleveland to this city.

Braun had gone to his berth and had been to disrobe before a shriek from the begun it was impossible to get within sight of the inside of the bank begun to disrobe before a shriek from the occupant already there warned him of his predicament. A dispute followed between him and the fair claimant to the berth, was quietly ensconed at a table in a remoint from the ofter passengers.

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Braun value demanded that the conductor give him another berth and on a riving in New York at once gave directions for the beginning of the suit.

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MAZET QUIT TO SAVE SCHEME TO SEAT BOSS PLATT FROM QUAY IS SPRUNG

Unseen Hand, Supposed to Be Against Him, Shown for Him, in Getting a Delay of Hearing Until Dec. 16.

Men Will Have Been Added to the Committee Which Has the Power.

Senators Burrows, Caffery, Harris, Pettus and Turley, a Majority, Supposed to Oppose the Pennsylvanian.

Washington, Dec. 7.-The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections toone supposed to be against Quay is working strictly in his interests. Messrs. Edmunds. The work of the Maxet Committee the validity of Quay's seat, were present was stopped because of a fear that and could have proceeded with their ara subpocus would be served on guments. The facts, undisputed, were before the committee. The case is before the Committee on Official Record, and no examination. He believed that this necessary to purge the committee of a suspicion of partisanship.

testimony is to be taken facts the hearing of the argument was postponed until December 16.

As shown in the Journal this morning the in the name of the whole committee for Platt's presence. Chairman Mazet had refused to consider the matter. He ignored Quay; Burrows, Caffery, Harris, Pettus On November 29 the Journal exclusively and Turley. For Quay: Chandler, Hoay To-day's committee proceedings show

tailed by Committeeman Fallows, and perhaps by Committeeman Costello. These two votes, joined with the votes of the two Democratic committeemen, would be a majority of the committee.

It was after this publication that the Remote that the committee by adding at least two more Quay men.

Mr. Caffery was not present to-day. Of that it would not meet again. He explained was it that agreed to this postponement

that it would not meet again. He explained the presence of Costello, of Oswego, and McEwen, of Albany, in the city on Wednesday by saying that Moss had written to them to attend.

A mysterious feature of the sudden death of the committee is a letter written by Moss to Mazet. Nobody would tell what this letter was about. It was said that it was in reference to the calling of Platt.

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soneral education and instruction in indusgeneral education and instruction in indus-trial lines that will assist them toward self-support. He asks the Mayor to further home at No. 949 North Seventh street. FOUND HER DEAD BODY. the passage by Councils of an ordinance Mrs. Harris, the second victim, was cut striking from the city plan certain streets about the hands, face and body while at-Sad News for Young Husband Who passing through the tract of land in the tempting to defend herself from Kane's suburbs which he has purchased and which murderous assault. She was treated at the

Here Yesterday.

With an auxious look on his face, a well-dressed young man paced the North German Lloyd pier yesterday as the steamship Trave was slowly being warped into her berth. With him were an elderly white haired man and woman, both of whome eagerly scanned the smiling faces of the passengers.

As soon as the gangplank was holsted the young man stepped up to the officer in charge and begged to go aboard.

"My wife is there," he pleaded, "and she is ili. See! I have brought these flowers for her."

While against the rules, the officer allowed him to pass, but he found his wife dead. The aged pair, father and mother of the dead woman, went with the husband and of tweed the body.

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(At seen by Cartoonist Davemport.)
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Widener, the Philadelphia Kane, Armed with a Knife, is that I was prepared to go fully into the investigation and to pursue the end sought with absolutely no partisanship."

He added that he did not wish to bring forward the important matters in hand when three Republican members of the committee were in the city but were absent from the meeting.

"I was prepared vesterday," said Moss, "to fully discharge all the moral and legal responsibilities that could in any way devolve upon me. There were reasons for the absence of members sufficient to make a quorum."

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he designs to improve for the purpose indi- Habnemann Hospital and afterward re-

Seneca Falls, Dec. 7.—Between John Nichols and a neighboring farmer there has

BERTH BY A WOMAN.

Marcus Braun Gets a Judgment of \$750

Against Wagner Palace Car

Company.

Marcus Braun has obtained a judgment of six years and members of the House four against the Wagner Palace Car Company in the City Court for \$750 as damages for an error by one of the company's conductors in allotting to a woman a berth previously sold to him. Every other berth in Every other berth in Seven hundred persons attended the reception at the first ladies' day for this seal had been sold and Braun was

Two bears of the submarks of the

Geneva N. Y., Dec. 7.—Norman O. Hutton, of Garden City, L. I., was to-day elected captain of the Hobart College foothell team. Hutton is a member of the hand claim. Hutton is a prepared for west 23d pt., 755 p. m.; Cordandt and Desbrooses package.

HILL WONT TALK POLITICS.

Ex-Senator is in Town, "Purely on Law

Ex-Senator David B. Hill is a guest at the Holland House. He arrived there yes-terday and said he came to New York

quoted him correctly in stating that he would support Colonel William J. Bryan

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